

HOUSE RESOLUTION 225
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Sid Witherington of
Munford.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Sid Witherington, a longtime physician in Munford; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Witherington was a highly skilled and caring healer and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens over his long career; and

WHEREAS, Sid Witherington was born and reared in Munford, where he attended elementary school; he graduated from Millington High School, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1938; and

WHEREAS, at the outbreak of World War II, Dr. Witherington entered the United States Army, serving from 1941-1946; he received a Silver Star for his valor in rescuing three soldiers during the conflict; and

WHEREAS, following the war, Dr. Witherington set up his private practice in Munford and quickly became one of the town's most prominent citizens for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, a giving and compassionate man, Dr. Witherington often treated patients without a means to pay and became active in organizations that helped the needy of the community; he was an originator and one of the founders of the House of Hope for recovering alcoholics in 1976, an organization still active in the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Witherington was an active and devout member of the Munford Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for over 60 years as Elder; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Witherington was also deeply devoted to his family and enjoyed the loving companionship of his late wife, Eleanor Snider Witherington; they were the proud parents of two daughters and a son; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as “Dr. Sid” to the citizens of Munford and Tipton County, Dr. Witherington leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional physician and compassionate human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Sid Witherington, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his love of humanity, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Witherington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.